During his meeting with US Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice on September 15,2005 in New York, PM conveyed that an end to cross-border infiltration and terrorism was essential if peace process with Pakistan was to be carried forward successfully. He also underlined that the infrastructure of terrorism must be permanently dismantled by Pakistan.

Paul Volcker Report

176. SHRI S.ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an independent Inquiry Committee, headed by Paul Volcker, appointed by the UN Secretary General had identified several Indians, including the former External Affairs Minister and a Political party as non-contractual beneficiaries of Iraqi oil sales in 2001 to a Swiss Oil Company under the UN Oil for Food Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the Persons/entities identified in the report;

(c) whether any action is contemplated by Government on the Persons/ entities named in the report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH), (a) and (b) The fifth and final report of the Independent Inquiry Committee (IIC), headed by Paul Volcker, appointed by the UN Secretary General to inquire into the Oil-for-Food Programme (OFFP) in Iraq, was released on October 27,2005. The report consists of 623 pages and another 1083 pages of tables annexed to the report. Names of Indian entities and individuals listed among non-contractual beneficiaries in the tables are given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) The government is determined to establish the facts in this matter and has set up an Inquiry headed by Mr. Justice R.S. Pathak, former Chief Justice of India and former Judge of the International Court of Justice. The Government has also appointed Shri Virendra Dayal, former Under Secretary General of the United Nations as its Special Envoy to liaise with the United Nations Organisation and its Member States to gather relevant materials in connection with the report of the

Independent Inquiry Committee into the Oil-for-Food Programme. The Special Envoy has the full power and authority of the Government of India to execute the responsibilities entrusted to him.

Statement

Names of Indian entities and individuals listed among non-contractual beneficiaries in the tables of the Volcker Committee Report

1. Congress Party
2. Reliance Petroleum Limited
3. Mr. Bhim Singh
4. Mr. K. Natwar Singh

Assistance to Pakistan for rehabilitation of earthquake hit areas

177. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the financial and other assistance so far given by India to Pakistan for the relief and rehabilitation of those who suffered due to the earthquake on 8th October, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): India has provided substantial quantities of relief material to Pakistan in the aftermath of the October 8,2005 earthquake. On October 26,2005, India announced a US $ 25 million aid package for Pakistan. So far about 1,300 tonnes of relief material has been handed over to Pakistani authorities. India is also taking part in an International Donors Conference being organised by the Government of Pakistan on November 19,2005 in Islamabad.

India has opened five crossing points across the LoC at Teetwal-Nauseri, Uri-Chakoti, Uri-Hajipir, Poonch-Rawalakot, and Mendhar-Tattapani. These would be used for movement of relief material and people from either side. India had also initiated arrangements to open relief camps along the LoC at Kaman, Poonch and Teetwal. However, Pakistan did not accept the proposal.

India has assured the Government and the people of Pakistan affected by the earthquake its support in their relief and rehabilitation efforts.